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## W. R. BLACK BACKED OUT

Refused to Stand to  
Written Agreement  
Entered Into  
No Proposition Could be Of-  
fered to Which He  
Would Agree

He Saw the Handwriting on the  
Wall and Realized that His  
Doom Was Sealed

128 Out of About 166 Republican Voters  
Stood Ready to Vote for Sampson  
For Judge

### JUDGE SAMPSON'S STATEMENT

BARBOURVILLE, KY.,  
Feb. 18, 1911.

DEAR FRIENDS:—

I want you to read every word of this letter. Mr. Black started his campaign by praising himself to the skies and telling us what a very good man he is, and every time he makes a speech he reminds us of his many virtues. At the same time he has been telling what a bad man I am and telling the people that Barbourville was for him for Judge. Mr. Black has at least three relatives in Barbourville to my one. Yet at Williamsburg, about three weeks ago, I dared W. R. Black to submit this contest to the people of Barbourville. I repeated this challenge at a number of places and W. R. Black would not dare to accept it. About two weeks ago, at Peace's store, in Whitley county, Mr. Black said he would leave the matter to "Tammany Precinct", in Barbourville, and I promptly agreed, but before the agreement could be reduced to writing Mr. Black backed out.

This matter went on until Mr. Black had his unpleasant experiences at Corbin and Wilton with the voters, and until we met to speak at Artemus, Ky. and he found the people against him. Mr. Black then said he had decided to leave it to "Tammany Precinct." We have found out that during the several days before Black made this proposition, he was trying to "fix" this precinct, and had sent as far as Oklahoma for a fellow to vote. But he found out that the Republicans of this precinct are honest men. I promptly accepted, although I wanted the people in both Counties to vote in this election. I know that the Republicans of this precinct were for me, and I believed W. R. Black was bluffing. We entered into a written agreement to let the Republicans vote on this question on Saturday, February 18, 1911. I wanted Mr. Black to let the Republicans in this precinct to line up in two lines, his friends in one line and my friends in the other line, and then every person could see and know that Republicans were taking part, but W. R. Black insisted on a secret ballot. He knew the people had pledged me their support and were for me. He thought he could buy enough votes with the railroad and corporation boodle and whisky behind him to beat me out of the nomination, but

Mr. Black found that this precinct is not for sale. This precinct is the largest Democratic precinct in the County. The Democrats in this precinct are for Black, and that is another reason why he wanted to leave this matter to this precinct. Black wanted to vote the Democrats.

We tried to hold the election, but Black began to object to everything from the beginning. The officers selected by Black would not agree to act as judge and clerk of the election, but insisted that they act as judge and sheriff. The judge and sheriff are the officers who decide who are entitled to vote. If the judge and sheriff had been selected by Mr. Black, it would have been in their power to have permitted every Democrat in the precinct to have cast his vote for Black, and I would have been powerless in the courts or otherwise to have gotten redress for the wrong.

Finally, Mr. Hampton, the Republican precinct Chairman, directed what office each election officer should fill, but Mr. Black's men would not act, and then Mr. Hampton went to Mr. Black and told him to name any two Republicans he wanted and he would have Judge Sampson agree to it, but Mr. Black would not agree to this. Finally, someone proposed that Mr. Hampton, the Republican precinct Chairman, appoint four honest Republicans of the precinct to be the officers to hold the election. I at once agreed to this, but Mr. Black would not agree. Mr. Black was asked if he had any suggestion in regard to settling the matter and proceeding with the election and he said he would not make any suggestion.

It was very plain to every fair-minded man present that Black was caught in his own trap. He could not buy the precinct and he saw the people were against him and he did not want the election held at all.

The largest number of Republican votes ever cast in this precinct was about 166, and after Mr. Black backed out about 128 Republicans of this precinct voluntarily signed a written statement that they were Republicans and had come to Barbourville on the day fixed to hold the election to vote for me.

The statement signed by them is as follows:

"BARBOURVILLE, KY.,  
Feb. 18, 1911.  
We, the undersigned, legal and qualified voters of "Tammany" precinct, or ward No. 3, who are on this day known as Republicans and qualified to vote in said precinct on today, state that we came to the voting precinct on today to cast our vote for F. D. Sampson, but were prevented from casting our vote for our choice for Circuit Judge in this District, because the election officers selected by W. R. Black declined to open the ballot box or to let said election be held, and we take this method to express our choice for Judge Sampson, and we are for him because he is an able lawyer, a good citizen, an honest man and a true-blue Republican."

I can show the statement with all these Republicans' names signed to it, and I have the affidavits of good Republicans to back up my statements.

Mr. Black cannot fool us any more. He can object and dodge about until March 25th; then he must submit his claims to the people. I gladly submit my claims to all the people, with all of Black's false charges and false affidavits, gotten up by his law partners and corporation henchmen. The people are for me. I wish every voter in the District could have been present in Barbourville on February 18th, and have seen what an active hand the L. & N. R. Co.'s lawyers and officials were taking in this matter for W. R. Black. The law agent for the Cumberland Valley and Knoxville division of the L. & N. was one of the first men on the election ground and remained there until the L. & N.'s candidate through the officers of the election, chosen by him, had thwarted the will of most of the Republican voters of the precinct. I do not know how to express my thanks to you and thousands of other good friends who are standing by me so loyally and who have won this race for me. We have the race won. All we need to do is to stand pat and go to the polls on March 25th.

Read the affidavits in the papers and see how B. B. Golden got these affidavits against me. Will my friends and the good people be fooled by the affidavits procured with money and whisky by B. B. Golden, the railroad lawyer, and W. R. Black's law partner.

That election was not of my choosing. I wanted to leave it to the entire district. (I did agree to leave the result to Barbourville to show which was regarded as the best man for the position when W. R. Black made the statement that I was such a bad man and the people at home were lining up for him.) But Black had, through some of his henchmen, made a canvass of that precinct and reached the conclusion that they could, by the use of money and whiskey, control the precinct, provided they could get their plans to work to let the Democrats vote. When they failed in that, Black backed square down from his own proposition and is now trying to say that I was responsible for the calling of that election, but those of my friends who were directly connected with the transaction know that such is not the truth.

I expect to see you soon. I want to especially thank this grand band of true Republicans of Tammany precinct who have been and are now standing by me and giving me their splendid support. I again desire to thank all of my friends for what they have done and are doing for me.

The way to win a race is to fight it into the last ditch. I am expecting my friends to keep up the battle until the polls close on the 25th day of March, when victory will be ours.

Very truly yours,  
F. D. SAMPSON.

## THAT LAW SUIT

Judge F. D. Sampson Issues a Statement Setting  
Forth the Facts Concerning that Law Suit,  
And Explains W. R. Black's Conduct  
In the Matter.

To the people of the 34th Judicial District:—

I desire to make a statement for the benefit of those persons who are not personally acquainted with me. If Mr. Black's false charges and false affidavits would only reach my acquaintances, I should not take my time nor take the time of my friends in making a statement. Persons who know me will not believe for one minute these preposterous charges.

The charge that is urged most strongly against me by W. R. Black is that I was the agent and Attorney of the R. O. Campbell Coal Company in the purchase of the mineral and timber rights of certain lands in Knox and Clay counties, and that I paid about one dollar per acre for the land and charged the Company \$4.00 or more for it.

You will see that the foundation of this charge is that I was the agent and attorney for this Company. If it is a fact that I was not the agent and attorney for this Company in the purchase of these mineral and timber rights, then these charges are false and must fall flat. I say to you that I was not the agent or attorney of this Company in the purchase of said mineral and timber rights, and all these statements by W. R. Black, J. N. Sharp and this corporation to the contrary are not true and I can show them to be false to any reasonable, fair-minded man.

In the first place, I bought a great many of these tracts of land before I ever heard of the R. O. Campbell Coal Mining Company or had any talk with any member of this Company about selling them any of said mineral and timber rights, and I bought all of said lands for myself and the deeds were made to me in my own name and I paid my money for same and borrowed considerable money to pay for same and I had all the deeds put on record in my name in the County Court Clerk's office of Knox County and these records can be examined by any person who desires to do so. Now, if I were acting as the agent and attorney of the R. O. Campbell Coal Mining Company and were buying the lands for them, as W. R. Black and his corporation friends charge, don't you know and don't they know that I would not have had all of these deeds made in my name and put to record in my name?

Now, in the second place, a great many of the mineral and timber rights which I bought were not sold to the R. O. Campbell Coal Company. Many of them I now own and hold the deeds to same, which are on record in the County Court Clerk's office of Knox County.

Now, in the third place, my wife and myself executed to the R. O. Campbell Coal Company a deed for all the mineral and timber rights which I sold to them, and we made to this company a deed of general warranty to these mineral and timber rights.

If I had only been the agent or Attorney of the R. O. Campbell Coal Company, do you think that I would warrant the title to the lands? Who ever heard of such an unreasonable proposition? My wife

and I did not make this deed to R. O. Campbell Mining Company for about three years after I had bought some of these mineral and timber rights and had deeds for them in my own name on record. I bought these lands at the prices agreed on between the owners and myself, and then sold part of them to this company for \$4.00 per acre, to be according to the boundaries claimed by me. There was to be no survey, and after I sold some of these mineral rights to this company my wife and myself made the company a general warranty deed. This trade with this company was in good faith, honorable and all right, and I am able and willing to back it up, and there would now be no complaint if it were not for this political race.

J. N. Sharp, who is the Attorney for a large number of corporations, and other corporations and their lawyers and their candidate, W. R. Black, stirred up this matter for political purposes, and you will find out that nothing will come from this suit. It is a false and corrupt charge, and will be exposed if it ever comes to trial. The R. O. Campbell Coal Company is interested in this Judge's race as it owns and operates two or three large mines in Whitley county and J. N. Sharp is their Attorney. If I were J. N. Sharp I would wait until the stench got out of the people's nostrils from his odious conduct before I got into another false and corrupt matter in an effort to put a corporation lawyer on the bench.

Of course I want to submit my claims to all the people of the District but I have told the corporation lawyers and their henchmen and their candidate, W. R. Black, that I was willing to submit the question to the people of Barbourville among whom we have both lived for years and where W. R. Black has three times as many kinsmen as myself. A few days ago when I tried to get a vote between W. R. Black and myself in Tammany precinct, W. R. Black prevented the election. We got signed statements from at least three-fourths of the voters who said they are and were for me. He will not do this and would not let this election be held. His home people are against him mainly for three reasons: one is they believe he has made three false charges and procured false affidavits against me; another, he is believed to be under the absolute control of B. B. Golden and James D. Black, the Attorneys for the L. & N. Railroad Company another large corporation; and another is, W. R. Black is believed to be the friend of the corporations and against the people and is the candidate of the corporations and if he is elected the people will not get a fair deal, but the court will be run in the interest of the corporations and the friends of B. B. Golden and James D. Black.

We have too much faith in the honest and intelligent voters of this District to think that a lot of corporation lawyers and their henchmen can deceive the voters and thereby put one of their number on the bench.

Now in conclusion I desire to say that every man from whom I bought

mineral and timber rights received every cent I agreed to pay him and the deeds were made to me and put on record in my name and the R. O. Campbell Coal Mining Company had nothing to do with it. I sold a part of these mineral rights to R. O. Campbell Coal Mining Company, made them a general warranty deed and they got all they bought and paid for and I am able and will stand behind and defend the deed I made them. All there is in it I bought this land and sold a part of it at a profit. Ask W. R. Black if he has not done the same thing on Brush Creek.

I now have in my possession affidavits from some of the persons whose affidavits are being published in the papers by W. R. Black and who swear that B. B. Golden got them intoxicated and paid them money to get the affidavits, and they did not know what they were signing, and others have given affidavits, stating that B. B. Golden had offered them money to make affidavits against me. This B. B. Golden is the same Golden who helped to get up evidence against Caleb Powers and helped to persecute Powers, and is W. R. Black's law partner. Golden is very handy in getting up false charges. I shall talk to you more fully in regard to these matters when I get to your neighborhood.

Respectfully yours,  
F. D. SAMPSON.

Now, read what a lot of honest citizens swear in regard to this land trade and B. B. Golden:

STATE OF KENTUCKY }  
COUNTY OF KNOX } S. S.

We, the undersigned, each for himself and for herself, as the case may be, state on oath that we sold to Judge F. D. Sampson mineral and timber rights and rights-of-way on Stinking Creek, in Knox County; that we each for himself agreed upon the number of acres and received full pay for all the acres of mineral we sold to him and the full price per acre agreed upon. The said mineral rights are many miles from any railroad and we thought that we were getting a fair price for same. JUDGE SAMPSON DID NOT SWindle OR DEFRAUD US, OR HAD ANY PURPOSE OR INTENTION TO DO SO. We agreed upon the number of acres and the price, and he paid each of us all that he agreed to pay. We sold the said mineral rights to Judge Sampson and made him deeds accordingly to our several contracts with him. The R. O. Campbell Coal Co. nor the R. O. Campbell Coal Mining Co. was not mentioned in the transaction. We made deeds to Judge Sampson. We had nothing to do with his selling the land to any Company. That was a matter between Judge Sampson and the other party. We got what we agreed to take. WE DID NOT HEAR OF ANY TROUBLE OR COMPLAINT UNTIL B. B. GOLDEN, ATTY., CAME INTO OUR COMMUNITY A FEW DAYS AGO. And we also desire, each one for himself, to state that it is our opinion that the AFFIDAVITS OF A. Y. MILLS AND OTHERS WILL

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## THAT LAW SUIT

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NOT EFFECT JUDGE SAMPSON'S RACE, UNLESS IT WILL MAKE THE PEOPLE IN THIS END OF THE COUNTY STRONGER FOR JUDGE SAMPSON. We know Judge Sampson as a man and as a lawyer, and we know the other parties. IT IS OUR HONEST OPINION THAT JUDGE SAMPSON HAS A LARGE MAJORITY OF THE VOTES IN THIS END OF THE COUNTY. It will require more than these affidavits to shake our confidence in Judge Sampson. We are informed that more lands now can be bought in our end of the county at the same price Judge Sampson paid.

Elijah Patterson, Jas. Messer,  
John Mc. Messer, Jas. Gray,  
James Patterson, John Baker,  
Gord Gaubrell, Peter Baker,  
Finley Hubbard, Isaac Mills,  
Henry Baker, G. W. Smith,  
Richard Messer.

I, John W. Messer, Notary Public, for the County and State aforesaid, certify that foregoing affidavits was read to the above named persons by me, and signed and sworn to by each of them in my presence, this 21st of February, 1911.

JOHN W. MESSER, N. P.,  
For Knox Co.,  
Commission expires Jan. 29, 1912.

## B. B. GOLDEN

W. R. Black's Law Partner and Railroad and Corporation Attorney is Exposed.

Read the following affidavits, and there are many others. You then can see who is behind these false charges against Judge Sampson. This is the same B. B. Golden who joined with the Democrats and tried to help them hang Caleb Powers and "Damn the Republican party", State of Kentucky, County of Knox.

The affiant, John Baker, says that he is a citizen of Knox County, Laurel Branch of Stinking Creek, in said county, and that his post-office is Mills, Knox County, Kentucky, that he is 66 years old and a farmer.

Affiant says that in the year of 19— he sold two boundaries of mineral rights to one F. D. Sampson, of Barbourville, Knox County, Kentucky. He says that one of said boundaries of said mineral contained 75 acres, more or less, and one boundary contained 400 acres, more or less. Affiant says that he sold the said boundaries to the said Sampson for \$75.00 and \$400.00, respectively. Affiant says that \$75.00 was the price agreed upon by affiant and the said Sampson for the 75 acre tract, and that \$400.00 was the price agreed upon between affiant and the said Sampson for the 400 acre tract. Affiant says that the said F. D. Sampson paid affiant all of the agreed price for each of the above mentioned boundaries of mineral rights; and affiant further says that he considered that he received fair price for said mineral rights, and that affiant was satisfied at the time he made said sale of mineral rights, and affiant says that he is satisfied at this time with said sale. Affiant further says that he does not believe the said Sampson swindled affiant at the time of said sale, or that the said Sampson had any intention to swindle or cheat him in any way whatever.

Affiant says that on or about the day of ———, 1911, one B. B. Golden and one Jno. G. Reynolds came to his home and represented to affiant that the said F. D. Sampson had swindled him out of several thousand dollars in said mineral rights, and that the said GOLDEN AND REYNOLDS GAVE AFFIANT WHISKY AND MONEY AND PERSUADED AFFIANT TO SWEAR to a written statement which the said B. B. GOLDEN WROTE OUT, without reading said writing to affiant; that affiant does not know what said writing contained, and that said B. B. Golden and said Jno. G. Reynolds took away said writing.

Affiant says that he makes this affidavit on account of having sworn to a writing for the said Golden and Reynolds, and did not know what said affidavit contained.

Affiant further says that he makes this affidavit with his own free will and accord.

This, the 7th day of Feb., 1911.

JOHN BAKER,  
Subscribed and sworn to by John Baker before me, a Notary Public for Knox Co.

Given under my hand this, Feb. 7, 1911.

JOHN W. MESSER,  
Notary Public for Knox Co.,  
Commission expires Jan. 29, 1912.  
P. O. Mills, Ky.

State of Kentucky,  
County of Knox.

The affiant, James Walker, says that he resides on Stinking Creek in Knox county, and has so resided for years past, and that he has many relatives and friends in that part of Knox county, and is acquainted with almost every man on Stinking Creek; that he is well acquainted with F. D. Sampson, now a candidate for Circuit Judge, and has had dealings with him; that the said Sampson has bought and traded in lands on Stinking Creek among affiant's neighbors and friends for some seven or eight years past, and affiant has mixed and mingled with said neighbors and friends since said trades with him and affiant has never heard any one state or intimate that the said Sampson had not treated the persons with whom he dealt absolutely fair and all claimed that Sampson had paid them according to their agreement and there was no dissatisfaction or dissention among any of them until W. R. Black became a candidate against Judge Sampson for Circuit Judge and then in was that B. B. Golden, affiant is informed, came up through Stinking Creek and had saddle pockets full of money and liquor and induced some persons to give affidavits relative to the land trades. Before that time every person dealing with Sampson had been entirely satisfied and contented so far as affiant ever heard.

Affiant believes that the statements about the land trade and the suit brought therein is absolutely campaign thunder and nothing more than an ordinary campaign lie.

This February 7, 1911.

JAMES WALKER,  
Subscribed and sworn to before me by James Walker, this February 7, 1911.

LILA HAYES  
Notary Public, Knox County,  
My commission expires March 4th, 1914.

## THE WILLIAMSBURG SPEAKING.

After backing down from his own proposition here on Saturday, W. R. Black went to Williamsburg on the following Monday, and in a public speech there tried to place the responsibility of the Tammany precinct primary on Sampson, and even charged that Sampson had backed down from the proposition and dodged about from one thing to another and gave the audience a regular school-boy reading lesson. He had with him a few paid henchmen and hired Democrats to try to inject a little enthusiasm in his speech, but it had but little effect.

The agreement was made before the speaking began that Sampson was to speak first and that they were not to engage in any mud-slinging. Sampson made a very strong address, leaving out all abuse, and confining himself to facts explained everything entirely satisfactory to the voters, and it was conceded by all that fully two-thirds of the voters present were for Sampson.

Since then, we learn that Black and his followers have been searching for another candidate to take his place, and proposing to retire and use what influence he has in trying to defeat Sampson with some other man. This of itself is an admission upon their part that Black can not win and that Sampson has him beaten to a frazzle, and he is now looking for a chance to shift the burden from his shoulders to those of another.

Sampson has been speaking all the week in Whitley county and is making good impressions wherever he goes, and reports

keep coming in from Whitley that they expect to roll up a larger majority for Sampson over there than Knox will give him, and it is now up to us to see to it that Sampson's majority be up in the thousands in Knox, or we may be outstripped by Whitley. There is no thinking person who is posted but that will admit, if they admit the truth, that Sampson will poll a large majority in each of the counties, and we hear it from very reliable authority that there is not a precinct in Knox that will poll a majority for Black.

Sampson is an easy winner and his friends are backing him good and strong.

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Barbourville, Ky.

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## Winter Months on the Farm

How to  
Improve  
Them

### Poultry Breeding

How to Choose a Breed, Mate and Rear  
Fowls That Will Give Largest Net Returns  
By PROF. J. G. HALPIN  
Wisconsin College of Agriculture

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The universal question of the farmer interested in poultry is "What breed will prove most profitable for general farm purposes?" He incessantly besieges the poultry fancier, the editors of poultry journals and similar authorities on chickens with this query. It is impossible to answer this question in the way the farmer desires. He expects a particular breed to be named outright and characterized as the premier money-maker of all varieties.

Due to the great similarity existing between the breeds, extreme variations in local conditions exist. As a result of individual peculiarities and preferences of the owners of the flocks, no one breed can be named as the most profitable for all farm purposes.

In general, the dual-purpose breeds, capable of both meat and egg production, are best adapted to farm conditions. Specialized varieties are impractical for the general farm, as they require too much attention and care. The farmer needs a bird with much

in some brush pile nest wherein the chicks are hatched. Another hen will produce 150 eggs annually under the proper conditions of housing and care. From which of these settings of eggs should one select the stock with which to replenish the breeding pens? Too often the choice is made of the inferior brush pile-reared roughers concerning whose egg-producing qualities and prolificacy the farmer knows little.

Always breed from the hens which lay the best in the fall as they best serve this purpose. Never save eggs for setting from a sluggish hen that hangs around the roost "droopy" and sleepy and displays an inactive, lazy disposition. The habits of the hen can be studied best in the winter and this season is the proper time to select breeding stock.

Accurate and rigid selection of breeding stock should commence early. Study the flock carefully, especially as regards the laying hens which have the reddest combs and which hover around the nests. Those,



A poultry house well adapted to the average farmer. It has four pens, each connecting with a lot in the rear.

stability and constitution which will be able to rough it with a minimum amount of attention.

Some people have a natural liking for certain breeds and by the practice of careful, painstaking selection can obtain the best results from their flocks. Anyone who constantly over-rends should select one of the special egg-producing types rather than a meat-producing bird. The Leghorn is the variety best adapted for such classes of flocks.

#### Choosing a Breed.

The average countryman, according to his natural preference, should choose one of the dual purpose breeds for the farm hen. Any of the common varieties, Plymouth Rock, Wyandotte, Rhode Island Red or Orpington, should satisfy the farmer for a rough-and-ready, hardy, profitable fowl. Any special preference for birds of a certain color can be readily satisfied by the wide range of colors offered in the varieties of these breeds. A very misleading idea prevails among many inexperienced poultrymen that the color of the fowl radically affects its egg production. This is an imaginary view of the unimportance of the color of the bird in determining its capacity for production.

There are some commendable features about the variety in the feathering of the breeds. The white fowl is admirable, due to the fact that no colored pinfeathers disfigure the dressed bird. On the other hand the white breeds present certain disadvantages, such as the fact that they are more conspicuous and afford inviting prey to hawks, and are hard to keep clean and presentable.

#### One Breed Best.

A crying evil in rural poultry husbandry is the attempt to maintain more than one breed on the farm. The countryman should definitely decide on the breed best adapted to his conditions and then should work only with this variety. The common commendatory practice of the farmer to maintain one breed for a time and about when this breed is proving successful, an alluring advertisement or a snappy bit of news matter characterizing some other breed as a "world beater" causes him to change the variety which he is raising.

This continual shifting of breeds reacts upon the farmer's pocketbook and results in no good. A rigid rule should be followed: "Select the breed which has proved its merit and then adhere to this choice." Any of the above-named breeds will prove profitable if rigid selection of breeding stock is enforced and ordinary care is afforded the fowls. The search of the farmer for a perfect breed instead of devoting his energies toward the improvement of his present variety should be condemned and derided. The countryman is not going to discover any such model variety no matter how ardent his search. He must develop his present breed by means of rigid selection, elimination of inferior stock, normal sanitation, and healthful surroundings.

#### Rigidly Select Breeding Stock.

One hen may lay 15 eggs a year, the majority of which are deposited

which are first off the roost in the morning and last to seek their perches at night, which are the best feeders and exhibit full crops at night when going to roost, are the vigorous, hardy specimens which lay best and are the preferable types from which to breed. Select such birds, band them with leg bands, if not already marked, and keep a record of their future operations. The use of such stock precludes the liability of the worthless hen stealing her nest or a failure in breeding due to the use of pullets and hens which have not inherited vigorous tendencies to lay.

#### Select Strong Males.

In the case of the dual purpose breeds the maintenance of one male to every fifteen females is attended by best results. Much depends on the individual vigor, vitality and prolificacy of the male. A male of lazy, inactive, sluggish temperament should never be retained in the breeding pen as he would undoubtedly transmit these characteristics to his progeny.

The breeding flock should be allowed access to a large range. Only the best pullets should be selected for breeding purposes, the others being sold for meat. For good results in breeding, more than one pen should be available in the poultry houses. For example in the fall when the birds are brought in from the range it always pays to have one pen in which to house the pullets, and a second one for the older hens. The pullets are thus protected from misuse and abuse of the older and stronger hens until they mature sufficiently to be able to defend themselves. Close, rigid selection among the fowls of these pens should ultimately result in the choice of the cream of the flock to be used in future breeding operations.

#### Use Leg Bands.

Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the importance of marking the pullets with suitable leg bands in order to distinguish between them. Ordinary leg bands can be purchased for ten cents a dozen and should be used as a means of identification throughout the flock. A record including the age of the bird and the setting from which the fowl was hatched is absolutely essential. On the majority of farms there is no way of determining whether a hen is two or ten years old. Old hens unfit for further service are allowed to set and their progeny retained for breeding purposes. This evil can be remedied by identification marks which would serve as a check on the bird's age and period of service.

Another bad custom of the average farmer is to send for eggs concerning which he reads an inviting advertisement, and then employing all the birds hatched from this setting, irrespective of their inherited tendencies toward prolificacy and vigorous constitution, in his breeding operations. Promiscuous selection here permits the use of all these offsprings where rigid selection—the only ultimately successful method—would have condemned perhaps all except one or two of the very superior pullets. Breed only the best and the improvement will be steady and sure.

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